Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the West Bengal Government to check the menace of elephants in the State - Laid.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR) : I draw the attention of the House as well as the Minister for Environment & Forest towards the menace of elephants to the farmers and the people of Bankura, parts of Midnapur in West Bengal and some parts of Orissa. Sir, two days before the Assembly elections of West Bengal, two persons were killed by an elephant at Ghutgoria under Barjora assembly segment of my parliamentary constituency of Durgapur. In the Sonamuki segment of my constituency some people were killed by the elephants. The elephants are coming from Dalma (Bihar) and entering into Garbeta (Midnapur), Banduan (Purulia and Ranibandh, Joypur (Bankura). Thereafter, the elephants pose threat to the farmers and the common people of Sonamukhi, Chandar, Brindabanpur, Godhardihi, Saharjora, Ghutgoria and Barjora segments of Bankura district in West Bengal. The farmers are not being compensated adequately for the loss of paddy eaten by the elephants.

So, I request the Union Government to set up a forest which is called Abhay Arannya in the district Bankura in West Bengal and to provide adequate funds to the State Government of West Bengal to save the farmers as well the common people from the menace of elephants.